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SUBJ: ARAB ECONOMIC INTEGRATION CONFERENCE

1. A CONFERENCE ON ARAB ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WAS HELD IN AMMAN JULY 4-6. THE CONFERENCE, WHICH TOOK THE FORM OF A SEMINAR, WAS ORGANIZED BY THE JORDANIAN ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE ARAB ECONOMISTS UNION TO DISCUSS JOINT ARAB VENTURES, ARAB ECONOMIC AND TOURIST INTEGRATION, INDUSTRIAL INTEGRATION, AND JORDANIAN-SYRIAN COOPERATION. THE SYRIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND IRAQI FINANCE MINISTER, AS WELL AS ECONOMISTS FROM JORDAN EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ, LIBYA, SUDAN AND KUWAIT ATTENDED. THE SEMINAR AGREED ON A SET OF PREDICTABLE RECOMMENDATIONS CALLING FOR INCREASED EFFORTS IN COOPERATION, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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2. JORDANIAN ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DR. HASHEM DABBAS TOLD US THAT THE CONFERENCE PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON TRYING TO SEPARATE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FACTORS. THE SEMINAR CONSIDERED CALLING FOR AN ARAB SUMMIT MEETING TO BE HELD STRICTLY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, BUT SETTLED FOR A RESOLUTION CALLING ON HEADS OF STATE TO AVOID HAMPERING

JOINT ECONOMIC ACTION BECAUSE OF POLITICS. DABBAS NOTED THAT AS AN UNOFFICIAL BODY THE UNIONS RESOLUTIONS CARRY NO OFFICIAL STATUS, BUT SINCE ATTENDEES SERVE AT HIGH LEVELS IN THEIR GOVERNMENTS, HE EXPECTS THEM TO EXERT SOME INFLUENCE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT, AS A SIGN OF THE EMPHASIS JORDAN PUTS ON THIS SUBJECT, THE CROWN PRINCE (REPRESENTING THE KING) OPENED AND CLOSED THE MEETING. PICKERING

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